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- TO NEW ZEALAND

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1. MFA DEBRIEFING ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN'S
VISIT POSTPONED AT GNZ REQUEST FROM JULY 21 TO JULY 24.
EMBOFF BRIEFED BY MFA ASST. SEC. (BRYCE HARLAND) ON
JULY 24.

2. PERSONAL LETTER FROM GNZ DEPUTY PRIMIN TALBOYS TO
ASST. SEC HOLBROOKE (REPORTED REFTEL B) CONTAINS

ESSENTIAL POINTS WHICH GNZ WISHED TO COMMUNICATE TO US AT CONCLUSION OF PHAN HIEN'S VISIT WITH FOLLOWING ADDITIONS.

3. NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS --

PHAN HIEN REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED TO ALL WHO ASKED THAT SRV IS NOT PUTTING FORWARD ANY PRE-CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH USG. TALBOYS SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED WHETHER THE EXAMPLE OF THE DEVELOPING RELATIONS BETWEEN NZ - VN AND AUSTRALIA - VN MIGHT NOT BE SUITABLE FOR A SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE USG AND SRV. HE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PRE-CONDITIONS IN THE EXTENSION OF GNZ AND SRV RECOGNITION AND THAT ONLY NOW, AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS, WERE THE TWO COUNTRIES GETTING DOWN TO DISCUSSIONS ON THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP. PHAN HIEN REPLIED THAT THE EXAMPLE CITED BY TALBOYS WAS A "GOOD EXAMPLE" FOR RELATIONSHIPS TO DEVELOP WITH THE US. "RECONSTRUCTION IS IMPORTANT, BUT MORE IMPORTANT IS THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS ON A BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND EQUALITY FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT." HE ADDED THAT PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL WAS "TRUST." PHAN HIEN INFORMED TALBOYS THAT THE SRV "IS SATISFIED" WITH THEIR DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH NZ AND SUGGESTED THAT IF NZ FELT SIMILARLY, IT MIGHT PASS ALONG ITS SATISFACTION

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TO NZ'S "FRIENDS." IN A SEPARATE CALL ON MP BILL BIRCH (WHO VISITED VIETNAM A YEAR AGO), PHAN HIEN TOLD BIRCH OF HIS COMMENTS TO TALBOYS REGARDING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE US AND SAID HE ASSUMED "MINISTER TALBOYS WOULD PASS IT ON TO HIS FRIENDS." (FYI: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM UPI STRINGER RICHARD LONG THAT PHAN HIEN GAVE FURTHER PUBLIC AMPLIFICATION OF HIS THOUGHTS ON NORMALIZATION TO LONG IN A JULY 21 INTERVIEW. ACCORDING TO LONG (STORY NOT CARRIED LOCALLY), PHAN HIEN WAS ASKED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC IN HIS AMPLIFICATION OF HIS JULY 18 ARRIVAL STATEMENT CONCERNING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. PHAN HIEN'S REPLY WAS "WE DO NOT PUT FORWARD ANY PRE-CONDITIONS. WE ARE PREPARED TO MEET AND DISCUSS. AND THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS; TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, THAT IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. MANY FRIENDS SAY 'GO ON WITH THE DISCUSSION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THEN THE REST WILL COME'. I BELIEVE THAT." ASKED BY LONG WHO WOULD MAKE THE FIRST MOVE, PHAN HIEN REPLIED "WE HAVE PROPOSED AND THE AMERICANS WILL GIVE A RESPONSE WHERE TO MEET AND WHEN TO MEET. WE HAVE

MET EACH OTHER IN PARIS IN THE PAST AND NOW IF THEY
HAVE A NEW IDEA THEY WILL SUGGEST IT." END FYI.)

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4. PRC - CAMBODIA RELATIONS --

HARLAND INFORMED EMBOFF THAT TEXT OF LATEST PRC NOTE
WAS PASSED TO PHAN HIEN BY GNZ ON JULY 21 TOGETHER
WITH COMMENT FROM TALBOYS THAT NOTE SEEMED TO BE
CONCILIATORY. HARLAND SAID PHAN HIEN'S INITIAL REACTION
WAS SKEPTICISM AND THE COMMENT THAT HE (PHAN HIEN) HAD
ALREADY SPENT 10 MONTHS IN PEKING AND WAS "NOT INTER-
ESTED IN GOING BACK," BUT BY FRIDAY P.M., PHAN HIEN
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ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE NOTE DID SEEM TO BE MORE CONCILIATORY THAN OTHERS FROM PRC OF RECENT VINTAGE. PHAN HIEN REPEATEDLY SPOKE IN A VERY BITTER WAY ABOUT THE ACTIONS OF THE CAMBODIANS, CITING FOR INSTANCE ONE RECENT INCIDENT OF ATROCITY AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE "EVEN WORSE THAN THE MY LAI MASSACRE," BUT DID NOT DEPRECATE THE CHINESE IN HIS FURTHER PRIVATE COMMENTS TO EITHER DEPUTY PRIMIN OR PRIMIN MULDOON.

5. ASEAN RELATIONS --

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM GNZ OFFICIAL, PHAN HIEN CONFIRMED THAT SRV IS NOW WILLING TO DEAL WITH ASEAN BOTH AS AN ORGANIZATION AND INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. HE SPOKE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ASEAN AND AN UNSPECIFIED NEW ORGANIZATION THE SRV SEEMED TO BE ENVISAGING FOR THE REGION. ACCORDING TO HARLAND, PHAN HIEN WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO TALK OF TWO LEVELS OF ORGANIZATION; THE FIRST BEING ASEAN AS IT PRESENTLY EXISTS AND THE SECOND BEING SOME WIDER ONE TO INCLUDE (BY NAME) SRV AND BURMA. PHAN HIEN DID NOT FURTHER SPELL THIS OUT BUT DID ADD A COMMENT THAT EVEN JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ARE, AFTER ALL, IN THIS REGION.

6. REFUGEES --

PHAN HIEN DID NOT SEEK TO JUSTIFY SRV'S TREATMENT CONCERNING CHINESE REFUGEES. SUBJECT OF REFUGEES WAS RAISED BY GNZ AT EVERY OFFICIAL LEVEL AS WELL AS BY CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES WHO MET SEPARATELY WITH PHAN HIEN. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER'S RESPONSE IN EVERY INSTANCE WAS THE SAME, I.E., FOLLOWING EVERY REVOLUTION THERE CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE SOME WHO REFUSE TO WORK AND WHO WOULD RATHER "RUN AWAY" THAN WORK.

7. SRV INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS --

THE SRV IS DETERMINED, ABOVE ALL ELSE, TO RETAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE, PHAN HIEN SAID. IN REPLY TO A GNZ QUESTION CONCERNING COMECON, PHAN HIEN REPLIED THAT SRV'S MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING ITS AID RELATIONSHIPS. HE SAID THE SRV IS INTERESTED IN AID FROM AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE IN THE HOPES THAT BY BROADENING THIS AID RELATIONSHIP IT COULD

BEST PRESERVE ITS INDEPENDENCE.

CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH
NZ, PHAN HIEN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION FOR THE TWO
SMALL, TANGIBLE RELATIONSHIPS WHICH CURRENTLY EXIST,
I.E., ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING IN WHICH TEN STUDENTS
ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AND DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AID.
ACCORDING TO HARLAND, THE LATTER AID WILL COME CLOSER
TO REALITY FOLLOWING THE DISPATCH OF AN INVESTIGATIVE
MISSION TO THE SRV IN OCTOBER. AT THE SRV'S REQUEST,
NZ WILL BE LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
A DAIRY SCHEME IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AROUND DALAT.

8. FYI: AMBASSADOR WAS ADVISED BY DEPUTY PRIMIN
TALBOYS OF CONTENTS OF HIS (TALBOYS') LETTER TO ASST.
SEC. HOLBROOK BUT INASMUCH AS GNZ HAD ALREADY MADE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO THE
ASST. SEC IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY DID NOT REPEAT THE TEXT.

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9. CONTINUE FYI. IN AN INTERESTING ASIDE, HARLAND
MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT CONCERNING THE SINCERITY
OF PHAN HIEN: TALBOYS "WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY PHAN
HIEN AND PARTICULARLY BY THE SINCERITY
OF HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING VIETNAM'S DETERMINATION
TO MAINTAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE." HE ADDED TO HARLAND
"IF I AM ANY JUDGE OF MEN, PHAN HIEN MEANT WHAT HE SAID."
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